

**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Application Number 09/439,343
Filing Date November 15, 1999
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Group Art Unit 2164
Examiner Name Samuel G. Rimmel
Attorney Docket 236.003US02

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
- a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on .
- ii. ☐ Other:
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) (0 pgs.); PTO Form 1449 (0 pgs.); 0 Cited References
- iv. ☒ Other: Response to Final Office Action Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 (23 pgs.);
2. **Miscellaneous**
- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of 0 months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)
- b. ☒ Other: Petition for 3 Month Extension of Time (1 pg.)
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 501373 for any additional fees not covered by the check(s) enclosed herewith
- b. ☐ A check in the amount of _____ is enclosed for RCE fee
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)
- d. ☒ RCE Fee (\$395.00), 3-Month Extension Fee (\$510.00) is paid via EFS-WEB.

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

NAME: Thomas W. Leffert REGISTRATION NO. 40,697

SIGNATURE  DATE 15 Nov 06

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